

JACOB

Be patient - God hasn't finished with me yet

4. When God Intrudes

Genesis 28:10-15

- It's not enough to believe in God – you have to encounter him

1. God must intrude into your life v12-13

- Jacob is in the middle of life, in the middle of nowhere, life falling apart.
- Dream – 3 'Beholds' – Stairs, Angels, God
- He has a new awareness of God – no mistaking it is God – awe, fear, reverence (v17,18)
- God had intruded into the life of this deceitful man
- God intrudes because Christianity is about God coming down to us, not us climbing up to God
- Not just about knowing there is a God – Christianity is about a relationship with him
- Q – Have you encountered God? Has he intruded?
 - To show you your sinfulness, your need of him?
 - What have you done with it?
- Q – Does God still intrude? Are you still encountering God?

2. God offers and confirms a new destiny v14

- 1 verse on the imagery, 3 verses on what God says
- God restates the 3-fold promise he made to Abraham & Isaac – Land, descendants, blessing
- God offers a new destiny to the one Jacob is facing - also to us
- Q – what will you do with his offer?
- He also intrudes into Christians lives to confirm his promise of a new destiny
- How do we know for certain? – Jesus himself is the 'stairway' from Heaven – John 1:51
- A new destiny is offered to Jacobs – God is generous to those who don't deserve it

3. God will provide for your present needs v15

- God is not just a God of future promise, but of present help
- Deals with the very specifics of Jacob's situation
- When you respond to God's offer, he makes the same promises to you
 - I will be with you – Matt 28:20
 - I will keep you – Jude 24
 - I will bring you home – Phil 1:6
 - I will do all I promised – 2 Cor 1:20
- He does it repeatedly – speaking into our personal fear, worries, hurts.
- Outward circumstances might not change, but encountering God and his promises changes us in our circumstances.



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Sabbath 5th October 08

Notices

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| Sab 5th | Evening Service in Milford | 8pm |
| Tues 7th | Opening Lecture of the College | |
| Wed 8th | Ladies are invited to Stranorlar Ladies meeting.
Rev Tim Donachie will be speaking about his work in Peru | 8pm |
| Sat 18 th | Donegal Christian Women's Conference
"Heaven Scent" – Linda Basdeo (Irish Bible Institute)
Jackson's Hotel – Ballybofey
Forms available – cost of day €35 | |

Sabbath 12th - Reaping what you sow - Genesis 29

Opening Psalm: 85A:3-5

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